GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:332
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
M.V.CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the issue of curbing the cross border militancy, the Government have received very poor response from the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation in the recent past;

(c) whether any concrete action plan has been formulated to check the cross border militancy in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Government have often stated that Pakistan should demonstrate its adherence to the Shimla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration and abandon its sponsorship of cross border terrorism. We have received no response to our concerns regarding cross border terrorism.

(b): Diplomatically Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. The International community openly acknowledges Pakistan sponsorship of cross border terrorism in J&K and elsewhere in India. This is often reflected in the media coverage on Pakistan.

(c)&(d): To contain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, inter alia, strengthening border management, pro-active action against terrorists in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through and institutional frame work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces.

Steps are being taken to flush out terrorists and curb their activities including close vigil on border, establishment of more naka parties in depth or deeper, areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling etc.